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Amendments to the Summary are reflected to include the following, replacing the prior version in the application:

Amended Summary

(0010) Another objective of the present invention is the ability to provide the translated word(s) of the original speaker to the recipients using the original speaker's voice patterns. This feature of the present invention is believed to be novel and has not been described previously in prior art for translation devices. This feature greatly improves the continuity of conversation by minimizing the perception of a third speaker and the time and effort required for recipients to become familiar with the sound of an additional voice during a conversational exchange. Additionally, this feature seeks to maintain the personal element between speakers that is lost when an unfamiliar voice is used to convey language translations and the message between speakers. Although this feature is an element that improves conversation between parties, it has been lacking in similar devices used to translate language. More recently, there is desire and increasing demand for outputs used in mass communication systems involving computers to sound less like a computer, driving the use of voice synthesis technologies that are more personable and human-like.